

NCC Minutes 4/21/08

Open meeting 7:05 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, R. LaBranche, R. Konisky, D. Mason, S. Shope, T. Walker (RPC), Sel. R. Gilbert, E. Snyder-consultant, E. Brook- resident

1) Easement Monitoring:

- Ellen Snyder- consultant presenting estimate for work. Experienced in open space management plans, etc. Previously employed by SLT.
- A. Watts feels she should initially walk the properties (i.e. Moore, Anderson, Daley, Silverstein) with the volunteers then be the point person.
- T. Walker- potential for C.T.A.P. grant (Community Technical Assistance Prog.) for up to \$8,500 for the first year.
- We still need to do a baseline for the Houghton property.
- Tasks for E. Snyder
 - Task 1) Review existing easements and develop management plans. Probably don't need management plan for Town Forest as only 40 acres and not forested.
 - Task 2) Houghton and Silverstein baselines- L. Hill still pursuing potential dates to review and monument Silverstein.
 - Task 3) Collating and mapping miscellaneous conserved lands. A. Watts has put together partial list up to 2003. E. Snyder did this for Newmarket and it was very time consuming- will need to put together an estimate for this task.
 - Tasks 1-3 potentially covered by the grant- S. Shope will submit the grant which should cover all costs.
 - Task 4- (Would not be covered by the grant.) Monitoring the easements in future. Options would be that E. Snyder does all the properties or volunteers still do the monitoring with her help. Volunteers should go through with her at least the first year. Cost for her to do about \$4,000/year. S. Shope in favor of this but The NCC budget only \$2,000/yr. and we no longer have income. D. Mason suggests we apply for an increase in the budget.

(R. Gilbert mentions there is to be a sheriff's sale of the Case property on Rt. 87 of 50 acres along the Piscassic river in May. R. Konisky will look into.)

2) Ongoing Administrative Business:

- a) Treasurer's Report- R. Konisky motions to accept, A. Watts seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Minutes 3/17/08- Reopened issue of funds for audit. R. Gilbert explained that originally funds not budgeted because previous auditor quit and the new auditor

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is more expensive. This will be a one-time bill. A.Watts proposes we discuss. D. Mason motions we pay, R. Konsiky suggests we could use \$2000 budget to pay and seconds, all in favor YES. A. Watts motions we pay as long as it is a one time fee, all in favor YES. A. Watts motions we accept minutes, S. Shope seconds, all in favor YES.

3) Next meeting 5/19/08-

Jones and Beach will be here to discuss the Vienneau development on Old Lee Rd. S. Watts will not be present but will receive a report and a copy of the plans.

Adjourn 8:30 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 4/21/08

